

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FISHERIES



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Commissioner of Fisheries:

Under separate cover there has been sent to the Bureau by Registered Mail the statistical data book of Fisheries and Fur products shipped from Alaska during the year 1917, with sheets of totals. This was prepared mainly by Warden Scudder with some assistance from Warden Nevill.

It was impossible to distinguish between Scotch and Norwegian cured herring as the manifests only listed them as salt or pickled herring

For both fisheries and fur products there are headings EXPORTS that include products shipped through Canadian ports. These are to be added to the regular figures of exports to Seattle and other ports. Such a heading was not before used.

The plan used last year of taking records of the entries from the high seas of halibut, and other deep sea fish, for the purpose of subtracting from the total to determine the take in Southeastern Alaska was not followed this year as it is misleading as none of the boats from the high seas that discharge at Sitka and Petersburg enter their takes at all and many boats discharging at other ports fail to report their deep sea take. Thus Southeastern Alaska would be accredited with far more such fish than are really taken in these waters.

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